requirements from the date they have become available to the public, Consideration of the suggestions and other formalities are under process for final notification.

Supply of NCERT books

253. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT books were not supplied to the school students in time during the last year;

(b) what were the reasons for the inability to supply some books in time this year also when the Delhi Schools re-opened in the first week of April;

(c) whether the present policy of distribution of text books has been reappraised to check monopoly of a few dealers and to provide self-employment opportunities to unemployed youth; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: (a) There was some delay in supply of some National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) textbooks to the schools last year.

(b) Delay in publication and supply of some of the new textbooks has been due to delay in preparation and finalisation of manuscripts, non-availability of paper,, particularly cover paper etc.

(c) and (d) There is no monopoly of any dealer in the distribution of NCERT text books. Distribution of NCERT text books is handled by the Publication Division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting through its eight Sales Emporia situated at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Madras, Patna and Trivandrum. In addition to this the Council has appointed 13 wholesale agents in the Union Territory of Delhi to facilitate distribution of its textbooks during the year 1989-90. Whole-sale agents have also been appointed in four more cities *viz.* Bangalore, Bhopal, Jammu and Guwahati. It proposes to extend the network of such whole-sale agents to some of the other important cities of the country.

Schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), including Kendriya Vidyalayas, have been requested to obtain all NCERT textbooks directly from the NCERT, Headquarters at New Delhi if they face difficulty in obtaining the books from the market.

Losses suffered by the Hotel Corporation of India

254. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) which are the places where the property of Hotel Corporation of India is located;

(b) what are the places where Hotel Corporation of India has suffered losses in the past; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make the functioning of these hotels/restaurants profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Hotel Corporation of India operates Centaur Hotels at Bombay Airport, Juhu Beach Bombay, Delhi Airport and Srinagar. In addition, it also operates flight kitchens by the name 'Chefair' at Delhi and Bombay.

This Company has a joint venture with M/s. Hokke Club of Japan which